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Fig. 1.

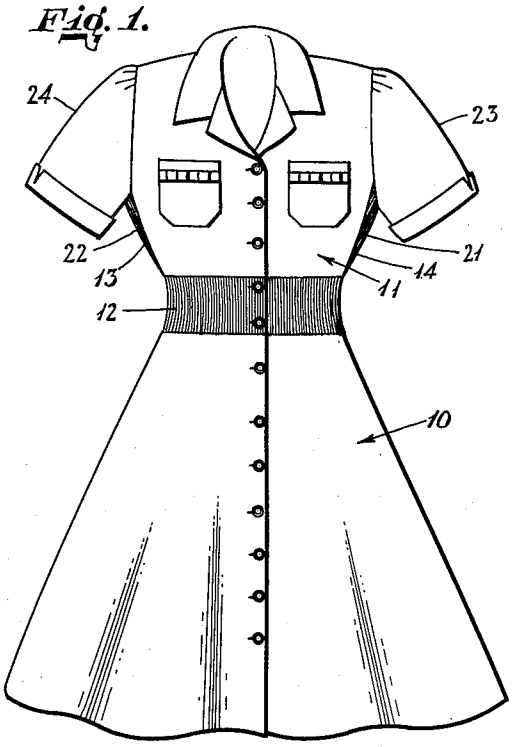


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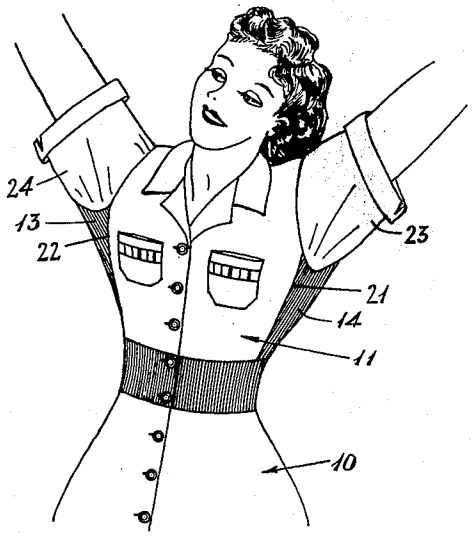
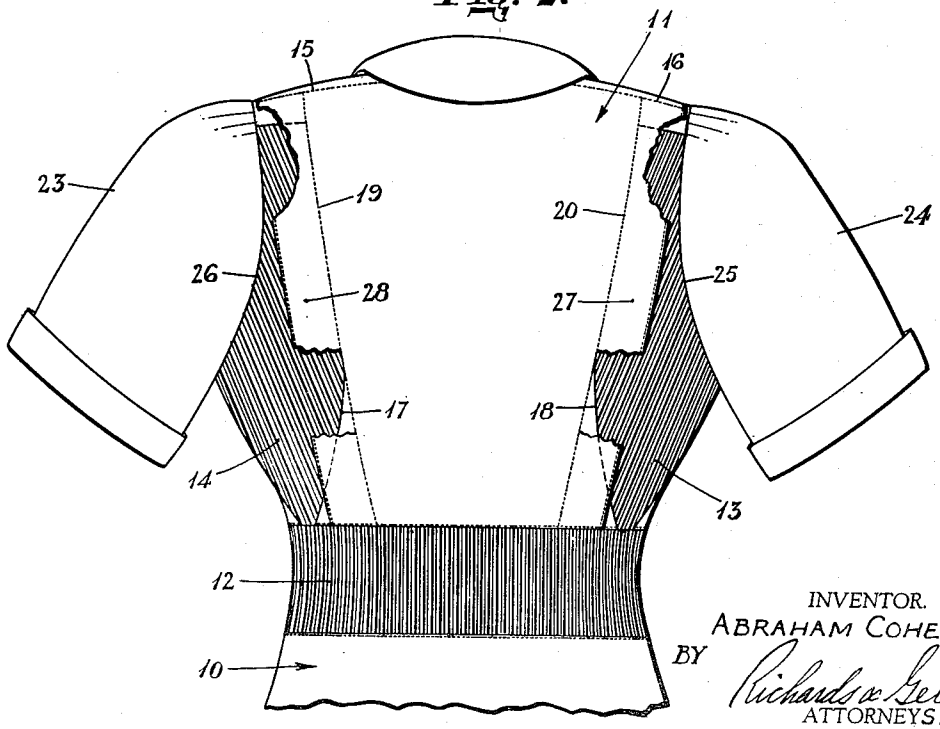


Fig. 2.



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The present invention relates to wearing apparel and the like.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in tailoring and designing a garment which will fit properly as well as afford freedom of movement.

It is among objects of the present invention to provide an improved garment construction which will fit the wearer snugly and neatly and, at the same time, afford sufficient resiliency to enable the wearer to move without restraint, particularly when performing swinging motions with the arms, such as when playing golf.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved garment construction which is capable of expanding or contracting in accordance with the body movement without binding or discomfiture whether the wearer is sitting, standing, walking or bending.

A further object is to provide a garment which will insure a perfect fit about the waist of the wearer.

Still a further object is to provide a garment which combines the attractive appearance and coolness of a dress made of woven fabric with the resiliency and comfort of a knitted garment.

The usual objection to a knitted fabric is its warmth and tight fit about certain portions of the body of the wearer. The garment according to the instant invention fits snugly and resiliently only at the essential portions and leaves other portions to fit loosely about the body of the wearer to provide coolness and comfort.

Other objects will become apparent from the following specification taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing illustrating a preferred embodiment of the invention and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment construction according to the invention.

Figure 2 is a rear view of the garment with portions cut away.

Figure 3 is a view of the garment when worn by the wearer showing the arms performing a swinging motion.

Dresses or other garments to which the invention is particularly applicable are usually made of woven fabric. This fabric, however, is substantially non-resilient and does not afford the necessary "give" to enable the wearer to move about freely or perform the usual movements performed in house work or in a sport such as golf. By inserting resilient material, such as a knitted fabric, in certain selected places of the garment, as will hereinafter be described, the proper freedom of swing will be provided. These insertions of a knitted fabric at the proper places also will act as an absorbent for perspiration.

Referring in greater detail to the drawing, the garment comprises a skirt portion 10 and a blouse portion 11. The blouse portion and the skirt portion are interconnected by a band 12 of a resilient fabric such as a ribbed knitted fabric. This band 12 surrounds the waist of the wearer and provides a snug fit. It also acts as an absorbent for perspiration for this portion of the body. This band takes the place of the conventional belt which usually stimulates perspiration and gives the garment an unsightly and untidy appearance.

Joined to the waist band 12 are the resilient inserts 13 and 14 adjacent each shoulder of the top portion 11. This resilient insert is also preferably made of ribbed knitted fabric, but it will be understood that other resilient fabrics can be used.

The resilient inserts 13 and 14 extend from a point adjacent the shoulder seams 15 and 16 and taper downward until they join the band 12.

The interior edges 17 and 18 are joined to the back of the garment along the seams 19 and 20. As the inserts approach the band 12 they curve towards the point of juncture with the waist band 12. In this manner the greatest resiliency is provided across the shoulder blades where freedom of movement is particularly desirable. This construction also results in a snug and proper fit about the waist. The front edges of the inserts 13 and 14 are joined to the conventional side seams 21 and 22 of the body portion of the garment and connects with the sleeves 23 and 24 under the arm pit. Thus the inserts cover a substantial portion of the under part of the sleeve. The front edge then joins the sleeve along the sleeve seams 25 and 26. By virtue of this construction resiliency is provided beneath the arm pit of the wearer so that the arms may be lifted upwardly without restraint. The absorbent character of the knitted fabric also eliminates the unsightly appearance of perspiration stains.

The back portion of the garment is provided with flaps 27 and 28 which extend from the seams 19 and 20 over the underlying portion of the resilient fabric. In this manner the visible portion of the resilient fabric is reduced to a minimum.

It is conceded that heretofore pleats have been used at the back of a garment to provide freedom of movement across the shoulders. How-

ever, pleats usually gape and otherwise give the garment an unsightly appearance after it has been worn for some time. The flaps according to the present construction, on the other hand, are always in the same position and the resiliency and freedom of movement is afforded entirely by the underlying resilient inserts.

It will be understood from the foregoing description that the instant construction gives the wearer freedom of upward movement of the arms from the waist portion upward and at the same time freedom across the shoulders. The construction combines the attractive appearance, comfort and coolness of a garment made of woven fabric with the resiliency and freedom of movement of a garment made of knitted fabric or other resilient fabric without detracting from its appearance.

It will be understood that various modifications of the invention may be made within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A woman's sleeved blouse made of woven fabric, an insert of knitted fabric at each side of said blouse, said inserts extending from the waist portion of the blouse upwards to the arm-pit portion beneath the sleeve and then further upwards along the rear sleeve seam to a point adjacent the shoulder seam and sideways at least partly across the shoulder blades of the wearer, said inserts tapering from the arm-pit portion and the shoulder portion to terminate in a substantially narrow portion adjacent the waist, and flaps formed integrally with the back portion of said blouse extending over said inserts along the entire length thereof.

2. A woman's sleeved dress comprising a skirt portion and a blouse portion made of substantially non-elastic woven fabric, a waist band of resilient knitted fabric interconnecting said portions, an insert of resilient knitted fabric at each side of said blouse portion, said inserts extending from said waist band upwards to the arm-pit portion beneath the sleeve and then further upwards along the rear sleeve seam towards a point adjacent the shoulder seam and sideways at least partly across the shoulder blades of the wearer, said inserts tapering from the arm-pit portion and the shoulder portion to terminate in a substantially narrow portion at the point of juncture with said waist band, and flaps formed integrally with the back of said blouse portion extending over said inserts along the entire length thereof.

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